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GHOST RIDER 2099!

WILDE IN THE STREETS

I WANT
HIS HEAD
FOR MY ART
COLLECTION.

DON'T
BE SAUCHE,
SCALLA.

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GO, YOU
HORRORSHOWS
CAN TALK.



IN
THAT
CAGE...

-HUKK-

HRGH



- YOU
GOT ANY
LAST
WORDS?

SHRIK



OUTSTANDING!

HE MAY
ACTUALLY
LAST LONG
ENOUGH TO
AMUSE ALL
OF US.

SON OF A GLITCH.
TOUGH AND FAST.

BET
ON IT,
JACK.

WAGERING,
I'M AFRAID --

-- IS
PROHIBITED.

HGNG

WE MUST
SEE TO IT
YOU'RE AWARDED
BONUS POINTS
FOR FINDING THIS
ONE, MS.
MATLIN.

MY PLEASURE,
MISTER GINGRICH,
I ...

-HKTURGHPH-

-HUK-

RAK!!

ORRR
FRGTHK

PLSBAGS!

YOU
THINK 'CAUSE
YOU'RE RICH ENOUGH
TO AFFORD THIS
REMOTE-CONTROL
HARDWARE...

...IT
GIVES YOU
THE RIGHT TO
SLAUGHTER
PEOPLE FOR
FUN?

FOR
"BONUS
POINTS"
?!

-URHK-

MY WORD A
CASUALTY!

UNPRECEDENTED!

THAT'S
BECAUSE YOU'RE
NOT SCREWING
WITH POWNRAMP
STREET RATS
ANYMORE,
JACK.

DESIGNER
PREDATORS
MAY BE GOOD FOR
HUNTING THE
NORMALS --

-- BUT
YOU WRECKED
UP BIG-TIME
DOING IT ON MY
TURF -- AND
KILLING MY
FRIEND!

IN 642099
#3 9 4 101
-- EVAN

WURRRR
HUK

SOMETHING
WRONG

gh/ahrk

HURTS

HURTS
HURTS
HURRRR

RRRR
RRRR
RRRR

PREDATOR #38
SYSTEM FAILURE

TELEPRESENCE
LINK EMERGENCY
ABORT

WARNING: OPERATOR
SHOULD SEEK IMMEDIATE
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

HHRR?

SPLENDID
TACTIC,
THURMOND.

I
HAVE
HIM --

BLAST!

UNTREATED NEURAL
TRAUMA MAY RESULT
IN SPEECH APHASIA...

PLEASE, MY DEAR, I
UNDERSTAND YOUR
DISAPPOINTMENT
AT BEING CUT
OUT OF THE
GAME --

-- BUT
WE'RE QUITE
BUSY AT THE
MOMENT...

...AND
PSYCHOSIS

GHURR

MEMORY
LOSS...

Hehe!



NOW THEY'RE
EVEN LETTING
MAINTENANCE
PERSONNEL IN.

ANIMALS.

I REMEMBER WHEN
THIS SECTION OF
COMPANY HOUSING
WAS RESERVED FOR
MANAGEMENT



INSUFFERABLE.

LIKE 60
MANY THINGS
THESE DAYS.

SHINOBU?

HONEY,
I'M
HOME...

MMNH.



BUT
WHAT OF ME,
ANTOINE? NEITHER
DEAD NOR ALIVE
CAN I EVER TRULY
LOVE AGAIN?

the DUKES of
BIOHAZARD



Oh, SYLVIA, IF ONLY
WE HAD NEVER COME
TO SRI LANKA...

Oh,
I'M FINE.
HOW WAS
YOUR DAY,
DEAR?



IT'S
NO USE
ANTOINE.

WE
BOTH KNOW
IT'S BEEN OVER
BETWEEN US
FOR YEARS
NOW.

SEEN
OVER BETWEEN
US FOR YEARS
NOW.

I'VE A NEW
PROJECT
AT WORK.

IT'S
TIME TO
END THIS
CHARADE

ONCE IT'S
DONE, I
THINK I'LL
FINALLY BE
VESTED.

WE CAN
UPGRADE
OUR HOUSE'S
STATUS.

I
CAN'T, I
WON'T
LISTEN,
SYLVIA!

WON'T
THAT BE
NICE?

→FSHHP←

HHHGGKKP

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM
TO BRING YOU THE FOLLOWING
MAINLINE MEDIA EXCLUSIVE
NEWSFLASH!

HAGGHH
HGLBHK

Oh,
DEAR. NOT
AGAIN...

OVER THE
PAST SEVERAL WEEKS,
MANY QUESTIONS HAVE
BEEN RAISED ABOUT
THE MYSTERIOUS
FIGURE KNOWN AS THE
"GHOST RIDER"...

IT'S ALL RIGHT,
DEAR... JUST A
BROADCAST
INTERRUPTION.

NOW, HERE IN HIS
OWN WORDS, ARE
THE SHOCKING
ANSWERS...

THIS
IS THE
VOICE --



... OF
REVOLUTION
SPEAKING.



THE PETTY
COMPLACENCY
OF TRANSVERSE
CITY'S SHEEPLIKE
MASS^{ES} WILL NO
LONGER BE
TOLERATED.

SAY
WHA?



NO
SHOCKIN'
WAY!

YEAH...
AFTER ALL
THE SCRAP HE
WENT THROUGH
HELPING US
OUT!

- IT
SORTA
DOESN'T
SCAN...

WE WILL
BURN THIS
CITY TO
BITTER
ASHES...

-- AND
DANCE AMONG
THE CORPSES
OF YOUR
CHILDREN.



ALWAYS DID HAVE
A NASTY MOUTH ON
YOU, COCHRANE --

-- BUT DIALOG
LIKE THIS? NOT
HARDLY.

THIS'S GOT
"MEDIA VIRUS"
GT. MPED ALL
OVER IT.

BIZ SUITS'LL USE IT
TO DECLARE WAR ON
ANYTHING THEY DON'T
ALREADY OWN.



BIP



SIRUS.
JONES
HERE.

PUT OUT
THE WORD.
I'M CALLIN' A
MEET OF THE
UNDERNET.

THERE
IS A NEW
ORDER TO
COME IN THIS
CITY --



THOSE
WHO DO NOT
JOIN US WILL
PIE.

GREAT
SHRIEKING
ELVIS IN 660
SYNCHRONOUS
ORBIT,
MORTY.

HAVE YOU
LOST
YOUR

I SHOT
THAT FOOTAGE
AND NONE OF THAT
IS ON THE ORIGINAL
TAPE! THIS IS
BEYOND SPIN
CONTROL! THIS IS
OUTRIGHT—

—SIGH—

CORPORATE
PREROGATIVES,
WILLIS.

YOUR
CONTRACT
EXPRESSLY
STATES
THAT

HANG
ON.

ALL RIGHT, WILL
YOU WANTED TO
RIDE THIS STORY.
YOU GOT IT.

WORD IS, THAT
GHOST RIDER OF
YOURS AND SIX
OTHER LUGGIES
ARE TEARING UP
SECTOR 13
RIGHT NOW...

BUT
THIS TIME, I
DO MY OWN
EDITING!

I'M
ON
IT.

SO
SWEAR4

-- THE
GHOST
RIDER!

NICE
SPEECH.

--PFLAIGHT--

BE SERIOUS,
CODA. IT'S JUST
THE USUAL RADICAL
UNDERGROUND
GARBAGE.

BUT I
DON'T LIKE
THE IMPLICATION
THAT...THING IS
WORKING FOR
THEM NOW.

BAD
ENOUGH HE'S BEEN
MAKING A MOCKERY OF
LAW AND ORDER IN THIS
CITY. BUT IF HE'S GONE
POLITICAL ON US, IT'LL BE
PAYDAY FOR THE DEVIL.

MEANWHILE,
THE CORPORATES'RE
ON MY CASE TO BRING
HIM IN INTACT AND
REVERSE-ENGINEER
HIM.

TOO BAD
FOR THEM. I'M
STILL DIRECTOR OF
CENTRAL SECURITY,
AND I CALL THE
GHOSTS.

OFFICIALLY, WE'RE
DOING EVERYTHING
IN OUR POWER TO
ACCOMMODATE
THEIR DESIRES, OF
COURSE.

UNOFFICIALLY,
I DON'T WANT
ENOUGH OF THAT
PERP LEFT IN ONE
PLACE TO
BE WORTH
RECYCLING.

ONLY
ONE THING
I NEED TO
KNOW...

CLEAR?

"...WHERE'S HE AT?"

RRR
RRR
RRR

THRR
VRR
RRR
RRR

HOW'S
IT FEEL,
DITHEADS?

THRR
VRR
RRR
RRR

YOU LIKE
JAMMIN' WITH
SOMEBODY WHO
CAN FIGHT
BACK?

OR AM
I SPOLLIN'
ALL YOUR
FUN?

WHONGK

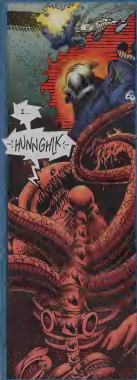
OH,
NOT AT
ALL.





YOUR
TURN, FAT
BOY!

VVRSKRLPT



I...

~HUNNGHIK~



WHAT THE
SHOCK!

~HAAUGHK~



I HADN'T
THOUGHT
ANYONE COULD
TAKE THURMOND
IN SINGLE
COMBAT.

HEY,
DON'T LOOK
AT ME...

~HAAKGHK~

~GKK~

"I BARELY
TOUCHED
HIM!"

SLURPSHP
LEPHRR



RRROWNSH
HRRG
HRRG



RRROWNSH

SKLITCH

-UULGBHK-



-AAGUHLK-

-HAAGHK-



ATWATER'S GOING TO BE FURIOUS. HE LOVED THAT SYSTEM BETTER THAN HIS CHILDREN.

WE MUST REMEMBER TO BRING HIM A NICE SOUVENIR

YEAH, RIGHT.

WAIT --

-- SOMETHING IS WRONG --

SOUVENIR. HUH?



VIP IT,
JERKWEED --

~AHAGK~

ONLY
THING YOU'RE
GETTING
AROUND
HERE --



--IS
EXTINCT!

~ULGHK~



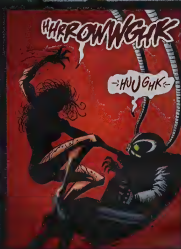
DEFINITELY
SOMETHING
NOT --



HUURRR

MNH?

WHAT?



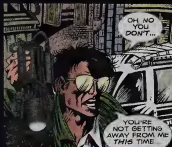
HHRRONNGHK

~HUUGHK~

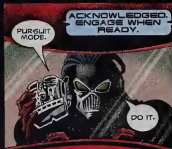
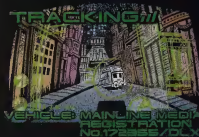




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ITEM: "SILVER SURFER #102 is sort of my swan song on the Silver Surfer," said

writer Ron Frenz, whose 50-plus issue run on this mag ends next week. The story features the Surfer, devastated over his breakup with his beloved Shalla-Bal, confronting the mighty Galactus, and demanding that the Big G take the Surfer's powers away! (But no man makes demands of Galactus! This results in a cosmic clash which sets the universe a'trembling!)

"I really wanted to go out with a bang," Ron continued, "and present Galactus in as epic proportions as possible. I wanted to convey his majesty and grandeur." The art team for the SILVER

SURFER is penciler Tom Grindberg and inker Jason Martin. "The pencils look amazing," Ron enthused. "Tom really put a lot of work into the splash pages. There's just an incredible amount of detail on every page!"

ITEM! It's a fantastic voyage into the bloodstream of Captain America in the pages of IRON MAN #314! Editor Neil Yontovz explained, "Cap is in need of some micro-surgery, due to his rapidly deteriorating health. Hank Pym reduces Iron Man and sends him into Cap's bloodstream, so he can implant some micro-software to save Cap's life." Neil summed up the issue as "One old friend bailing out another when he needs him most." The issue is brought to you by writer Len Kaminski and penciler/inker Tom Morgan. Neil called issue #314 "the most consistent and solid inking Tom's done since he's been on the book. He has unbelievable enthusiasm for IRON MAN—he's always loved the character—and this is the one where he really comes into his own." Neil added that the issue also paves the way for the return of two classic Iron-foes: the Titanium Men and the Crimson Dynamo!

ITEM! Here's writer Tom DeFalco on his two mighty Marvels coming out next week. "In FANTASTIC FOUR #398, the FF battle the Inhumans... they confront the Watcher... and they are attacked by a brand-new being called He Who Summons. Also in this issue, we find out the secret behind the

flaming apparitions of Sue, Johnny Storm is injured... and there are two or three cliffhangers!" The art team for FANTASTIC FOUR remains Paul Ryan and Danny Bulanadi.

Meanwhile, THUNDERSTRIKE #18, offers what Tom calls "Thrills and chills in the mighty Masterson manner! Thunderstrike joins forces with Bloodaxe to battle Seth, the God of Death. In the course of the battle, events will be set into motion which will build up to the big #25"—an issue which will change Thunderstrike forever! (Really!) Tom added, "There is a bonus feature in THUNDERSTRIKE #18—an eight page Tales of Asgard story featuring 'Young



Thor, the Young Enchantress, and Young Loki." Tom said the back-up will mirror the themes running through the lead feature. Ron Frenz and Al Milgrom provide the pictures for THUNDERSTRIKE.

ITEM! It's Thor vs. a possessed War Machine over the streets of New York in THOR #484, brought to you by Roy Thomas and the incredible Sandu Floral! Writer Roy revealed, "Loki is looking for a powerful body, since Thor destroyed the body-armor that was basically holding him together. Loki chooses to take over War Machine, so he can get his revenge on Thor!" Roy promised plenty of action, noting that this time, Loki won't stop till Thor and Sif are dead!



STILL ON SALE

- CAPTAIN AMERICA #153: Cap fights the battle of his life—in life support! By Gruenwald/Hoover/Bulanadi!
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- SILVER SABLE #34: Silver Sable quits the Wild Pack! By Finch/Purcell/Kickland!
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- AVENGERS #304: Hercules must fight his wicked step-mother! By Hama/Dodds/Painor!
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